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▶ Andrea Riseborough, left, Madonna, and Natalie Dormer arrive at the U.K. premiere of W.E. on Wednesday in London. The pop diva directed and co-wrote the film, which tells the story of the romance between American socialite Wallis Simpson and Britain's King Edward VIII, who abdicated the throne for love in the 1930s. The film opens in wide release in February.

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Royal affair examined in Madonna's new film

Astronomy

Cosmic cluster

- Scientists are finding an extrasolar 'real estate boom'
- 1.6 large planets per star {page 8}

Commuters worry about VIA switch

E-pass will be launched this June, the company announces {page 4}

TTC spares rush-hour routes

- New plan calls for the elimination of cuts that were meant to be implemented on 21 crowded bus routes
- But transit activists and councillors believe more reductions can be prevented before next month's changes

Thousands of rush-hour commuters on 21 of the city's busiest bus routes, including those on Dufferin, Don Mills, Finch, Morningside and the 192 Airport Rocket, will have most of their threatened service spared in the latest TTC plan.

But with dozens of routes still slated for reductions starting Feb. 12, transit activists and politicians are mounting a campaign to persuade city council next week to find another $10 million.

That would allow the TTC to maintain its current crowding levels, instead of lowering them to pre-2004 standards, a move that was supposed to take place this month when the TTC also increased token prices 10 cents, but was postponed until February.

Next month, however, loading standards will drop, allowing for 10 per cent more people on rush hour routes and 25 per cent more on non-peak buses, before the TTC considers adding more service.

"We have the money. There is no reason we should be overseeing the decimation of our transit system."
CITY COUNCILLOR AND TTC COMMISSIONER MARIA AUGIMERI REFERRING TO TORONTO'S LATEST ESTIMATE OF A $154-MILLION 2012 BUDGET SURPLUS

A TTC memo issued Monday calls for the elimination of 27 earlier proposed rush hour cuts on 21 already over-crowded routes. But 37 routes are still slated for some rush-hour reductions and 35 will get less service in the off-peak, including weekends.

Most of the changes mean buses will run about 30 seconds to two minutes further apart — a small time frame that, nevertheless, adds up along the length of a route, particularly if there's a delay or heavy traffic.

That's why council needs to find the money to maintain the TTC's current crowding standards, said city councillor and former TTC commissioner Joe Mihevc (St. Paul's). "No one's looking to make any dramatic moves in a positive direction. This is just to hold the fort," he said.

"We're supposed to be city builders … this reckless agenda to dismantle transit has to end," said York Centre Coun. and TTC commissioner Maria Augimeri.

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Doug Ford says mayor needs bodyguard

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▶ Toronto Mayor Rob Ford leaves his Etobicoke home Wednesday.

Coun. Doug Ford says it's time his brother Rob had a full-time security detail, even though it was a man personally connected with the Ford family whom police charged following a morning break-in at the mayor's home.

Scott MacIntyre, a longtime common-law partner of Ford's sister, Kathy, has been charged with two counts threatening death, forcible entry and possession of heroin and cocaine.

Shortly after 8 a.m. Wednesday, police sources say a man arrived at the mayor's Etobicoke home and forced his way inside. The mayor confronted the "unwanted visitor," advising him to leave.

About a dozen police cars, some unmarked, were stationed around the neighbourhood on a security detail until an arrest was made.

If it was left up to the mayor's brother, that service would be made permanent. According to Doug, Rob will have none of it.

"I'm more worried about Rob's safety than he is," said the councillor.

MacIntyre, who a police source says is Kathy's exboyfriend, is known to police. In 2005, the now 45-year-old was charged with drug and gun-related offences following an incident in which Kathy was shot in the face.

It appears to have been an accident. Kathy, who has battled a heroin addiction, required extensive plastic surgery afterwards.

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Tape captures budget chief's candour

Mike Del Grande's objection to city-funded programs recorded

Coun. Mike Del Grande, Mayor Rob Ford's budget chief, last summer described in blunt terms his "tough love" opposition to some city-funded social programs, including school meals for low-income kids.

Del Grande defended a proposed $400,000 cut to student breakfast programs — he recently and unexpectedly started to oppose the cut — during an hour-long, Aug. 10 city hall chat with then-constituent Hakim Kassam, who recorded it on his iPhone.

"I don't support the way that's funded because if we're going to do breakfast in schools, to me personally, if you have children you're responsible for children," Del Grande said in the recording provided by Kassam to The Toronto Star.

Kassam, who asked Del Grande for the meeting, did not tell Del Grande he was taping it.

He said he recorded it for personal reference and, with the 2012 budget headed to council next week, re-listened to it last week, "to see if there was anything noteworthy involved." He decided to make it public because he fears socially conservative views helped shape the budget Del Grande and other executive committee members will vote upon Thursday.

"The nation is not supposed to be in the bedrooms of the people. But then when you come out of the bedroom and you have children, why is it the state's responsibility to look after your children? I didn't tell you to wear a condom or not wear a condom or how many children — you made that decision."

COUN. MIKE DEL GRANDE

Del Grande "isn't a bad person, per se. He genuinely thinks what he's doing is the right thing for the city," said Kassam, who works for a food-centred non-profit.

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▶ Mike Del Grande looks on during the 2012 budget wrap-up.

In his own words

Here are a few excerpts of what budget chief Mike Del Grande had to say:

"There's no point, if you have 10 people and one is poor; like the city in amalgamation, there's no point in making nine people that are OK and one that's not become 10 people that are not OK. It makes absolutely no sense. I grew up poor, myself, I didn't go to camp. I didn't, whatever. Even when I got married, it was my first vacation, when I got married. There isn't a God-given right, as far as I'm concerned, that people — I — have to provide for you."

"I know a lady that's on social assistance. She has three kids with two different fathers, getting social assistance. The youngest one is too young. The two boys and her have cellphones. Now, $50, $50, $50 — that's $150 a month for cellphones when you should be thinking, 'Is this my priority? Maybe I need to feed my family or pay my rent instead of three cellphones for $150.'"

"I want to be responsible, I want to be fair, I want to be civic-minded. Yes, there are poor people in the world, OK, but poor people will be with us forever, like it's been from the moment of time."

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Tiger. Williams

▶ Former Maple Leaf fan-favourite Tiger Williams signs autographs at Canlan Ice Sports in Oakville on Wednesday.

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Local teams get Maple Leafs experience

Coca-Cola Zero and the Toronto Maple Leafs made the impossible possible for two local hockey teams at their Wednesday night game, with the help of Leafs' Tyler Bozak, Phil Kessel, Jonas Gustavsson and Matthew Lombardi.

Canada's most-wanted list just got longer

Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews on Wednesday added the names and photos of 30 individuals wanted by the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) for their involvement in a host of crimes including organized crime, possession of drugs or firearms, trafficking and war crimes.

The list also includes individuals alleged to have "committed an offence outside of Canada that, if committed in Canada, would constitute a Canadian offence."

Last August, the CBSA released the profiles and photos of 58 foreign nationals facing allegations or convictions of war crimes and serious crimes in Canada. Since then, they have arrested 15 and seven have been removed from the country.

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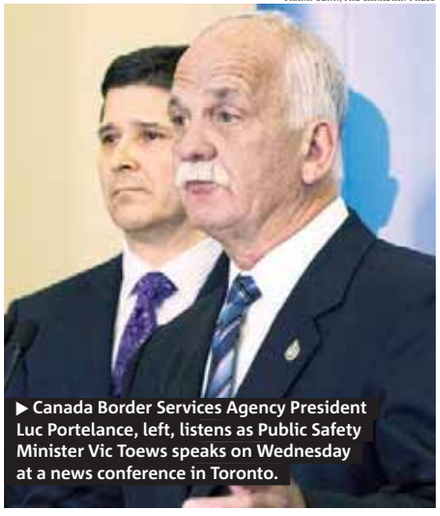

▶ Canada Border Services Agency President Luc Portelance, left, listens as Public Safety Minister Vic Toews speaks on Wednesday at a news conference in Toronto.

Frustration over new Via Rail e-pass system

Will require reservations, to dismay of commuters

A full switchover to the new Via Rail commuter e-pass will happen before June this year, said spokesperson Michelle LaMarche. Until then, the old flexible commuter pass system will operate concurrently.

Several Via Rail commuters, many coming into Toronto from London and Brantford to the west and Cobourg to the east, have expressed frustration with the new e-pass system, which requires them to book tickets in advance. Previously, the commuter pass allowed riders to catch any train they wished to and from work, with a portion of the seats on the train reserved for commuters.

When the announcement is made, there will be lots of notice given to commuters, said LaMarche.

Ways of making the new process easier and more convenient will also be laid out at that time, she said.

The solutions include mobile booking and e-ticketing, but further information is not available at this time, LaMarche said.

Via Rail announced the change to the long-established commuter pass last year, saying blocking off seats for commuters leaves too many seats empty when commuters take a later train.

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Woman gets stuck under streetcar

A woman is recovering in hospital after being trapped under a Toronto streetcar.

The 19-year-old woman was freed shortly after becoming trapped under the vehicle at Yonge Street and St. Clair Avenue this afternoon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hazardous commute on Friday

On Friday, Toronto is expected to receive the first significant snowfall of the season. A disturbance that began in Tennessee Wednesday will hit southern Ontario in the form of rain on Thursday, giving way to -5 C temperatures on Friday, with up to 10 centimetres of snow.

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Two arrested after man assaulted

Two Toronto men are facing multiple charges after a man was beaten and stabbed several times at a north Etobicoke home overnight on Tuesday. Police said one of the men allegedly beat and stabbed the victim in his hand, leg and forehead. The victim escaped and notified police.

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▶ Canadian skier Sarah Burke

Skier remains in coma

Barrie native Sarah Burke is a half-pipe pioneer who lobbied tirelessly to get her sport included in the Winter Olympics

Canadian freestyle skier Sarah Burke is still in an induced coma after suffering a head injury in a crash while training on a superpipe, officials said Wednesday. The nature of Burke's injuries have not been disclosed.

In a statement released by the Canadian Freestyle Ski Association, a doctor at the University of Utah hospital in Salt Lake City said Burke "sustained serious injuries and remains intubated and sedated in critical condition."

Chris Nelson, assistant vice-president for public affairs at the hospital, said Burke was having surgery Wednesday afternoon.

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ORNGE to get new CEO, board: Liberals

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▶ Deb Matthews

After months of reports about high salaries and financial questions at Ontario's air ambulance system, the Liberal government has cleaned house at the provincial agency.

ORNGE president and CEO Chris Mazza, who was paid $1.4 million a year, will be replaced with a top bureaucrat on an interim basis, and the entire board of directors at the agency will also be replaced.

However, the government couldn't say how much severance it will have to pay Mazza, who went on indefinite medical leave days after his salary was made public.

It also couldn't say if he's still being paid while on medical leave.

"That will be a concern of the new board as it becomes operational, and these arrangements will be worked out," said Health Minister Deb Matthews.

"He's not my employee. He's an employee of ORNGE."

The NDP called for the immediate release of all documents at ORNGE, including severance payments for Mazza.

"If we're going to clean house, we can't sweep the facts under the rug," said New Democrat Jagmeet Singh. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced on Wednesday that he will visit China in February as Chinese Ambassador Zhang Junsai looks on in Ottawa.

PM returning to China

Stephen Harper will pay another visit to China next month.

The prime minister announced his travel plans Wednesday before a meeting at his Langevin Block office with Zhang Junsai, China's ambassador to Canada.

Harper will travel to China in the second week of February.

Chinese Premier Hu Jintao formally invited Harper back to China late last year, following the prime minister's first trip in December 2009.

Energy issues will undoubtedly dominate any discussion between Harper and his Chinese counterparts. China has a voracious appetite for oil, gas and natural resources to power its economic growth.

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DEEP SPACE

Nasa rover sets course for Mars

NASA's latest rover to Mars fired its thrusters Wednesday to adjust its course to the red planet for a landing in August.

Deep space antennas tracked the choreographed manoeuvre, which was expected to last three hours.

The firing of its eight thruster engines is the most important task Curiosity will perform during its 566-million kilometre trip, but it's not unprecedented.

Previous robotic explorers have had to adjust their paths several times en route to landing.

At the time of the course correction, Curiosity had racked up 129 million kilometres and was travelling at 16,414 km/h relative to the Earth.

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Decapitated bodies found near Mexican mall

Two decapitated bodies were found at the entrance to one of Mexico's most luxurious shopping malls on Wednesday, and prosecutors announced that more than 47,000 people have been killed in drug violence in the five years since President Felipe Calderon launched a military crackdown against drug cartels.

The bodies were found before dawn inside a burning SUV just off a highway at the entrance to the mall in the heart of the Santa Fe district that is a haven for international corporations, diplomats and the wealthy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cosmos get crowded

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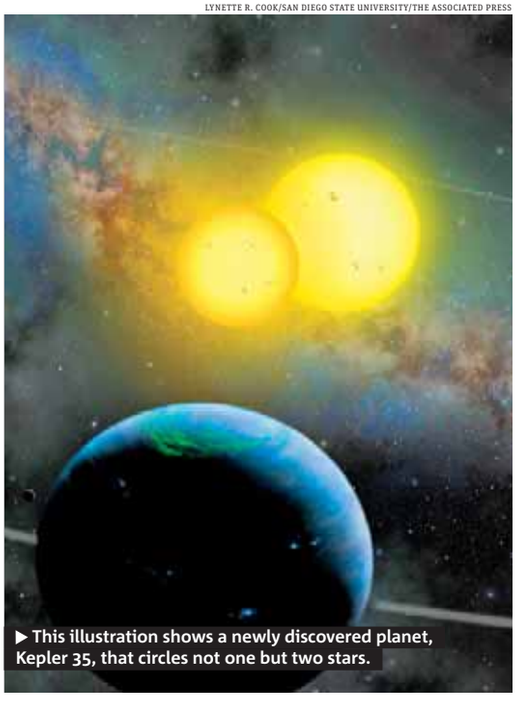

▶ This illustration shows a newly discovered planet, Kepler 35, that circles not one but two stars.

Study in Nature figures Milky Way has at least 1.6 large planets per star

The more astronomers look for other worlds, the more they find that it's a crowded and crazy cosmos. They think planets easily outnumber stars in our galaxy and they are even finding them in the strangest of places.

And they have only begun to count.

Three studies released Wednesday, in the journal Nature and at the American Astronomical Society's conference in Austin, Texas, demonstrate an extrasolar real estate boom. One study shows that in our Milky Way, most stars have planets. And since there are a lot of stars in our galaxy — about 100 billion — that means a lot of planets.

"We're finding an exciting potpourri of things we didn't even think could exist," said Harvard University astronomer Lisa Kaltenegger, including planets that mirror Star Wars' Luke Skywalker's home planet with twin suns and a mini-star system with a dwarf sun and shrunken planets.

"We're awash in planets where 17 years ago we weren't even sure there were planets" outside our solar system.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY ASTRONOMER LISA KALTENEGGER

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Motorbike assassins strike

As they speed by, they attach a magnetic bomb to top Iranian nuclear scientist's car ◐ He and his driver are killed, a pedestrian wounded ◐ Defiant Iran warns: 'We will continue our (nuclear) path'

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▶ Magnetic-bomb aftermath: A car is removed by mobile crane in Tehran on Wednesday in this photo provided by Iran's semi-official Fars News Agency.

It seemed a clockwork killing.

Motorcycle riders flashed by and attached a magnetic bomb onto a car carrying a top nuclear scientist working at Iran's main uranium-enrichment facility.

By the time the blast tore apart the silver Peugeot, the motorcycle was blocks away, weaving through Tehran traffic.

Behind it, the nuclear scientist lay dead and his driver dying.

It was the latest strike in what Iran calls an escalating covert war — at least the fourth targeted hit against a member of Iran's nuclear brain trust in two years.

Wednesday's blast killed Mostafa Ahmadi Roshan, 32, a chemistry expert and a director of the Natanz uranium-enrichment facility, the centrepiece of Iran's expanding program to make nuclear fuel.

"A heinous act," said Iran's Atomic Energy Organization.

But it warned defiantly: "We will continue our (nuclear) path without any doubt.... Our path is irreversible."

Iran denies it is trying to make nuclear weapons, saying its program is for peaceful purposes only and is geared toward generating electricity and producing medical radioisotopes to treat cancer patients.

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U.S. denies it

- The United States insisted it had nothing to do with Wednesday's killing.
- "I want to categorically deny any United States involvement in any kind of act of violence inside Iran," said Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, above.
- "We believe there has to be an understanding between Iran, its neighbours and the international community that finds a way forward for it to end its provocative behaviour, end its search for nuclear weapons and rejoin the international community and be a productive member of it."
- Russia strongly warned the West on Wednesday against any attack on Iran.
- Military action would be a "grave mistake, a flagrant error," said Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov. "It could shake the foundations of the international system."

Israel stays mum, but hints of 'many bad things' in Iran

Whodunnit?

Defiant Iranian authorities pointed the finger at archfoe Israel for Wednesday's bomb assassination in Tehran.

Israeli officials, however, hinted at covert campaigns against Iran and its nuclear aims without directly admitting involvement.

"Many bad things have been happening to Iran in the recent period," said Mickey Segal, a former director of the Israeli military's Iranian intelligence department.

"Iran is in a situation where pressure on it is mounting, and the latest assassination joins the pressure that the Iranian regime is facing."

On Tuesday, Israeli military chief Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz was quoted as telling a parliamentary panel that 2012 would be a "critical year" for Iran — in part because of "things that happen to it unnaturally."

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"I don't know who settled the score with the Iranian scientist but I certainly am not shedding a tear."

ISRAEL'S CHIEF MILITARY SPOKESPERSON, BRIG. GEN. YOAV MORDECHAI, IN A MESSAGE POSTED ON FACEBOOK

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▶ Todd Remis is suing a New York studio over its photos of his wedding to Milena Grzibovska in 2003.

‘Groomzilla’ defends lawsuit

Man suing over wedding photos says case is about broken promise

A New York man who is suing a photography studio for taking what he considers flawed pictures of his wedding is not the “groomzilla” he’s been painted as, Todd Remis said Tuesday, insisting that his lawsuit is about holding a business to a pledge, not reviving a broken marriage.

Remis sued H&H Photographers in 2009, saying the studio had done a shoddy job of shooting his 2003 wedding. He and his wife divorced in 2010.

While suits over wedding photographs aren’t unusual, what sets Remis’s case apart is that he wants to re-enact the ceremony with his ex-wife and have the studio reshoot it.

Since his story appeared in a news item in November, Remis has become a punchline in tabloids and the blogosphere.

CNN’s Anderson Cooper included him on his “RidiculList.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Friction over wife’s care ends in murder-suicide

A man repeatedly shot his adult son and two sisters-in-law in his living room, killing them in front of his terminally ill wife, then fatally shot himself on the front porch as family tension about the cancer-stricken woman's care apparently boiled over, authorities in Logan, Ohio, said.

An earlier dispute about whether the woman should have been fed tea and toast or the orange her husband had peeled for her apparently set off the shooter, Paul Gilkey, 63, on Monday.

The man spared his wife and allowed his grown stepson to leave unharmed, police said Tuesday. The stepson drove away to seek a cellphone signal and call for help.

“He let me leave because I have kids,” the stepson, Ralph Sowers III, says in the recorded 911 call.

The sick woman, Darlene Gilkey, 59, witnessed the shootings from a hospital bed in her living room but wasn’t hurt.

“He was really trying to take care of her, but he felt like people weren’t letting him.”
PEGGY GILKEY, PAUL GILKEY’S SISTER-IN-LAW

Relatives said Paul Gilkey had been stressed and upset while trying his best to care for his ailing wife.

He felt as though his wife’s relatives were taking over her care, and he was upset because items were being taken from the home, his sister-in-law Peggy Gilkey said.

Gilkey served a decade in prison beginning in 1974 for killing a man that year, court records show. He also had a 1986 arrest for felonious assault, police said. He had not worked for several years because of a workplace injury, his sister-in-law said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coming soon — Cancer Survivor Barbie?

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▶ An image from the Bald Barbie Facebook page.

Barbie has been an astronaut, an architect, a Nascar driver and a news anchor.

Now there’s an online movement to get her to attempt what could be her biggest feat yet: Going bald to fight cancer.

A Facebook page titled Beautiful and Bald Barbie! Let’s see if we can get it made was started a few days before Christmas. By Wednesday, it had more than 15,000 fans. The goal is to get toymaker Mattel Inc. to create a bald Barbie in support of children with cancer.

Friends Rebecca Sypin and Jane Bingham, both of whom have been affected by the disease, hatched the idea for a Facebook page because Barbie is an influential children’s toy.
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▶ Haitian earthquake victims beat a looter in Port-au-Prince in this Jan. 21, 2010, file photo.

Rebuilding Haiti stymied

Only 4 of 10 largest projects funded internationally have broken ground

The billions of dollars in aid that flowed into Haiti after its shattering earthquake were meant to build a new nation with thriving farms, apparel factories, modern hospitals and paved roads in the countryside.

Ambitious plans call for $500 million to build 50 new schools, $200 million to give Port-au-Prince its first wastewater treatment plant, and $224 million to create an industrial park for 65,000 garment industry workers — all aimed at laying the groundwork for a new Haiti.

But as the hemisphere's poorest country marks the second anniversary of the earthquake that killed some 300,000 people, only about half of the $4.6 billion in promised aid has been spent.

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Canada proud to help: Oda

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▶ Beverly Oda speaks with Haitian president Michel Martelly on Wednesday.

Canada's minister of international co-operation says her government will help Haiti move people who have been camped outside the National Palace since the 2010 earthquake.

Beverley Oda said Canada was proud to be able to help clear the Champ de Mars plaza and move people to homes north of the capital. Nearly 20,000 people live in the camp across the street from the collapsed National Palace. Oda did not disclose the cost.

President Michel Martelly says people will begin moving in six weeks and the project will be finished next year.

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Skyscraper boom may mean looming crises

Report finds a link between tall buildings and economic downturns Towers 'a sign of excess credit'

A skyscraper building boom in China and India may be a sign of an impending economic correction in two of Asia's largest economies, according to a report by Barclays Capital.

Barclays has mapped an "unhealthy correlation" between construction of the world's tallest buildings and impending financial crises over the last 140 years.

Today, China is home to half of the world's skyscrapers currently under construction. India, which has just two skyscrapers, is seeing its first skyscraper-building boom, with 14 under construction, including the world's second-tallest tower, in the financial capital Mumbai.

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▶ Dubai's Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building

Historically, skyscraper construction has been characterized by bursts of sporadic, but intense activity that coincide with easy credit, rising land prices and excessive optimism, but often by the time skyscrapers are finished, the economy has slipped into recession, Lawrence said.

The Great Depression hit as the finishing touches were being put on three record-breaking buildings in New York: 40 Wall Street, the Chrysler Building and the Empire State Building, which were all completed between 1929 and 1931, Barclays noted in a Jan. 10 report.

The economic and oil crises of the 1970s coincided with the completion of the twin towers at New York's World Trade Center, in 1972 and 1973, and Chicago's Sears Tower — now called the Willis Tower — in 1974.

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No path chosen for the aging: Flaherty

- 2012 budget to focus on jobs and economic growth
- No risky spending schemes to raise deficits or taxes

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Wednesday the challenges of Canada's aging population are coming up repeatedly in his pre-budget consultations.

Government programs like Old Age Security are expected to be squeezed as baby boomers retire, and there has been speculation Ottawa may bump up the eligibility age from 65 to 67.

"We have a demographic challenge," Flaherty said at a discussion with business leaders in Calgary. "It's repeatedly raised and it's one of those issues that we look at as we prepare the budget, but certainly we haven't chosen a path."

Despite the ongoing economic strife in the eurozone, Flaherty said Canada is in relatively good shape.

"There are good signs of moderate growth across the Canadian economy, including in manufacturing. For example the auto sector in Ontario, which has shown considerable strength in 2011, (is) expected to do so in 2012 as well."

Flaherty's department is also studying a Supreme Court ruling last month that a national securities regulator would encroach on provincial turf. A recent study — released to The Canadian Press — warned the piecemeal nature of current securities oversight in Canada could leave the sector vulnerable to organized crime. "This is a challenge," said Flaherty. "I'll have to have further discussions with my provincial colleagues on that subject."

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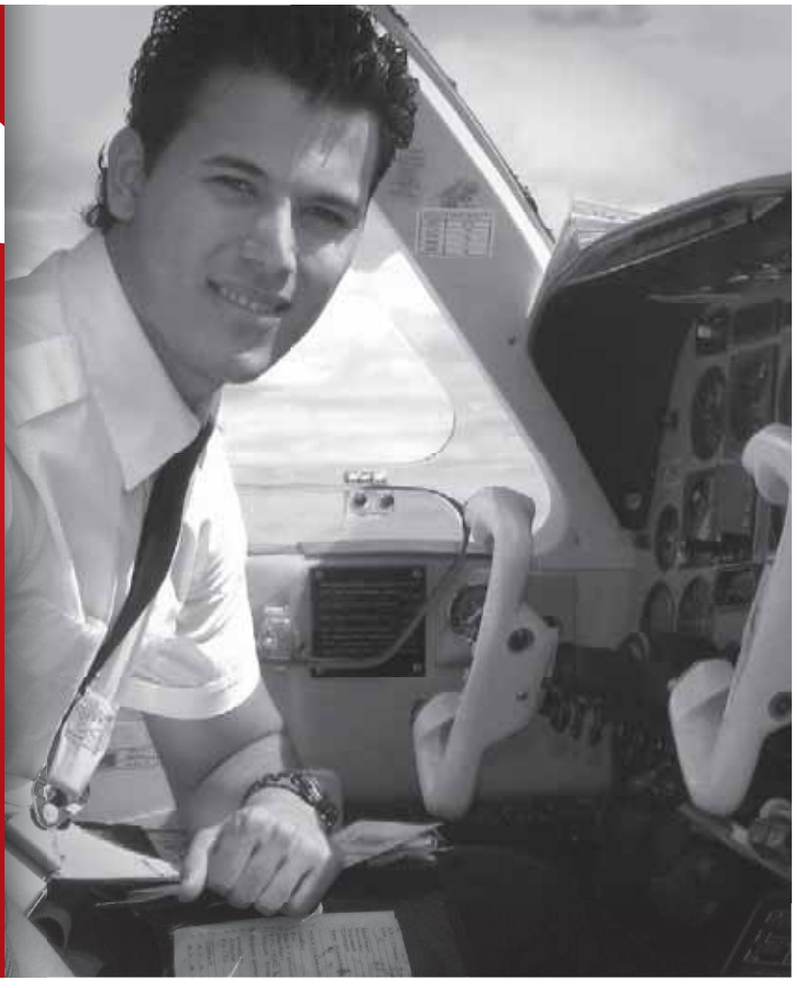

THINKING OF PENNING A NOVEL? READ THIS FIRST

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

Over the years, I've grown accustomed to adoring fans complimenting my writing.

"I saw your picture in the paper," they'll say. Or: "You look familiar, do you work at my Starbucks?"

With compliments like that, it's amazing my headshot doesn't swell right out of the frame.

But years of headshot viewers acknowledging my existence have left me wanting more, and now I dream of getting a book published, so I can hear compliments like, "I saw your picture on a dust cover."

"The best approach is to write characters based on people you hate — for example, you might have a villain called Jerky MacBadhusband."

But before I can reach such wuthering heights, I have to first — and this is true of many authors — actually write a book.

So far, it's been a great success. I've writhed around in my chair, stared at the cursor, cursed, thought about my shortcomings, had a bit to drink. In other words, I'm tortured. As far as I understand it, this is an excellent first step.

I've also read a lot about how to write a book. So that I might create more competition and therefore torture myself further, here's what I've learned.

WRITING A BOOK

Choose an idea: Most coffee-shop patrons, first-year university students and other leading philosophers agree there are no new ideas. So it's OK to steal one. Ripping off one author is called an "homage." Ripping off multiple authors and mashing them together is called "finding your own voice."

Choose characters: The best approach is to write characters based on people you hate — for example, you might have a villain called Jerky MacBadhusband. To protect yourself from legal issues, make sure the character wears a hat they don't wear in real life. Then say, "The character is actually a pastiche of many people I've met in my travels."

Choose a plot: Start with a first line that grabs readers, such as, "This book is covered in anthrax spores, sucker!" If stuck for an ending, walk away for a bit. Then quit and call it "first in a series." You'll get great buzz.

Choose an agent: This person will give you added legitimacy as a writer by making you poorer.

Choose a cover: This is the step by which everyone will judge your book. I recommend you seek out glowing quotations from friends who share names with famous people. If your dentist is Milan Kundera or the kid who mows your lawn is V.S. Naipaul, you're good to go.

With these tips, you'll have a completed tome in no time. If it goes well, let me know. I may pay homage to it.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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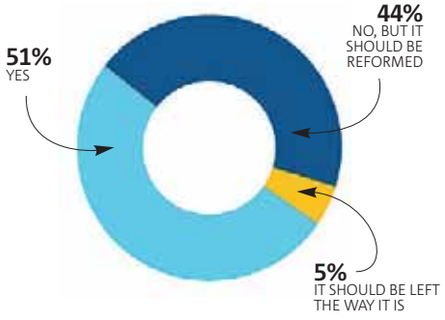

Local tweets

- **@NatalieCTV:** Rob Ford security breach suspect is Scott MacIntyre, no fixed address. Charged w forcible entry, death threat, heroin & cocaine possession.
- **@AllanSorensen:** coke, death threats, ex-husband of sister? whoa - tempted to swap out my Sopranos T-shirt for one of the Ford Family
- **@realtorhappy:** I have no problem paying to protect Mayor Ford. I've got your back Rob!!
- **@richnotfamus:** In case it's come across anyone's mind, I'm not the 45 year old male that was arrested at Rob Fords house today for uttering death threats
- **@LeftEyed_Babii:** Damnit, now I want Twinkies.
- **@vlaurenlee:** need to rethink my carnival treat now that deep fried Twinkies won't be an option...
- **@UnwrittenK:** Everytime i hear or see Twinkies, Mikey from Disney's Recess comes to mind lool
- **@fsorbara:** @TraceyKent when a minister of the fed govt tries to silence critics that is abs wrong. #cdnpoli. If he has prblms adrss them in an app. Mnr

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Will and Kate reveal royal gifts

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Duke and Duchess of Cambridge say thank you

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge laugh as they receive Team Canada hockey jerseys in Yellowknife on July 5.

Clarence House, the official website for the Prince of Wales, his sons and Kate, has released the list of all the gifts the royal couple collected in their cross-Canada tour with one- or two-word descriptions. Among them are a diamond-encrusted brooch and cufflinks.

This has incensed the British tabloids, who smell a cover-up in the website's describing the widely reported custom-made platinum baubles encrusted with nearly 700 tiny diamonds from Canadian mines as, simply, a "brooch" and "cufflinks."

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Rock solid

Celebrity jeweller Harry Winston crafted this 692-diamond set of polar bear cufflinks and brooch from diamonds from the Diavik Diamond Mine in the Northwest Territories, owned 40 per cent by the Harry Winston Diamond Corp. They were given to the royal couple during their Canadian visit.

Harry Winston donated the diamonds and the workmanship, said a spokeswoman for the Northwest Territories government.

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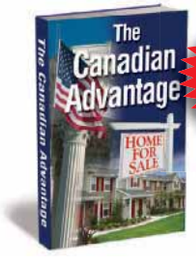

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▶ There are only a few weeks left to save the world from those evil villains.

Save the world from evil

Scarborough Museum running Superhero School ◐ February morphs into mad scientists

BACKSTAGE PASS

IAN GORMELY
METRO TORONTO

If you want to hook 'em, get 'em young. At least that's the line of thinking that went into the Scarborough Museums' current superhero school.

Part of the museum's ongoing Saturday Adventurers Club, superhero school walks kids through the steps of creating their own super powered alter egos.

"(Superheroes are) a fun childhood interest for both boys and girls," says museum coordinator Elaine Savva. "Most kids like to imagine, if they could have a super power what would it be?"

Each Saturday builds on the activities of the previous one, with museum staff helping kids between ages five and 12 to build masks, create logos — even bake "villain cookies" using the museum's Victorian oven using old-time recipes.

"It all contributes to the build up of what the final superhero would be," says Savva.

Superheroes aren't the only adventure for kids in Scarborough though — the museum has previously hosted month long sessions dedicated to pirates and spies.

February will be all about mad scientists, a theme chosen by the kids.

"They're the ones doing the program, why shouldn't they get some input?"

The club started in September of 2010 and ran for eight months.

This year an extra month has been added to keep up with demand.

Many kids return, month after month.

"The community needed a break," she says and the Adventurers Club gives parents a few hours of respite.

But there are ulterior motives to both superhero school and the Adventurers Club in general, created in the hopes of enticing kids to return to the museum to explore its collection.

"They're at the museum, they're learning about their community," says Savva.

"It's a way to take away that myth about museums. It's a warm open friendly place for them."

Superhero School runs until Jan 28. at Scarborough Museum (1007 Brimley Rd.)

It runs between 1 to 4 p.m. and tickets are $10 to 15.

2 scene

Shatner

William Shatner will star in a one-man show called Shatner's World: We Just Live in It. Previews begin Feb. 14 and it runs at the Music Box Theatre until March 4.
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Stage and screen legends Peterson, Plummer up for ACTRA acting prizes

Wayans sheds her smile

Comedian Kim Wayans, of In Living Color fame, takes on the role of a woman alienated from her husband and daughter in the new film Pariah

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The new drama Pariah isn't exactly a laugh-a-minute. A gritty look at a dysfunctional family and a daughter's desire to be accepted, it's a heavy, timely story. But one of its stars wants you to know it's not without its lighter moments.

And Kim Wayans knows funny. She starred alongside her brothers Keenen, Ivory and Damon on the legendary In Living Color television show and once played a character named Ms. Dontwannabebothered in Dance Flick.

"To me, this movie is really truthful," she says, "and in life in your darkest hour sometimes something funny happens. Have you ever been to a funeral and something funny happens and you find yourself laughing and grandma's in the coffin? It's just life, but to me, that was part of the brilliance of bringing real truth to this story. Yes, there is humour, there's all kinds of stuff."

In person, Wayans smiles and punctuates her sentences with a laugh, a far cry from the person she plays in the film. Her character, Audrey, has rejected her daughter because of her sexuality, is alienated from her husband and has no friends.

"She has everything every parent could dream of right in front of her, and yet…" her voice trails off.

The tough, uncompromising character is a far cry from the woman sitting in front of me today, and I tell her so. "You have to put Kim on ice someplace," she says. "The work is to go over the script with a fine-toothed comb and find Audrey. Find how she sees the world. Find out what her value system is. Find out what her family dynamics were in her background, not what Kim's are. That is the work. Basically you put 'you' somewhere else and step into these shoes."

But can she kick those shoes off at the end of the day and go back to her normal life?

"I personally can clock out at the end of the day and go back to being Kim," she says. "When I'm there I'm in it. I'm in the story. I'm in Audrey. But when the day is done I can go home and take off that jacket, put it aside and put it back on the next day. I know a lot of actors can't do that and they have to say in character but I am thankful that isn't my story."

Kim Wayans

- **Born:** October 16, 1961
- **In Living Color:** Wayans starred in the sketch comedy show with her brothers starting in 1990 for four seasons.
- **Dance Flick:** The Wayans family got together again to make this spoof film.

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▶ Kim Wayans, left, takes a turn in a more serious role in Pariah, out in selected theatres this Friday.

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What once was lost...

Actress Mercedes Masöhn, of the new series The Finder, shares her list of things she'd like to find

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▶ Mercedes Masöhn

▶ Waldo (his parents must be sick with worry ... he's been missing for ages!).

▶ A needle in a hay stack (I want the bragging rights).

▶ Rumplestiltskin (he can spin straw into gold... enough said).

▶ My boyfriend from kindergarten (he stole my HULK action figure and I WANT IT BACK!).

▶ The Tooth Fairy (she "forgot" to leave me a dollar for my third incisor when she took it from under my pillow in 1986 ... that's theft if you ask me ... let's just say that dollar has collected some interest and penalties ... according to my calculations, the Tooth Fairy owes me $3,673.00).

▶ My self-dignity (I don't want to talk about it).

▶ A time machine (so I can return to the fateful night of July 25th, 1991... after sneaking out of bed to watch The Exorcist ... which caused me such fright that I was unable to sleep in my room on my own ... which led me to my parents' room in search of some solace...which led me to a most ghastly discovery, my parents engaging in what can only be described as animalistic savagery ... which consequently led to an adulthood filled with night terrors and three-hour long showers.
(ED NOTE: Readers should know that Mercedes is dictating this from the shower where she is scrubbing her flesh raw in a fetal position.)

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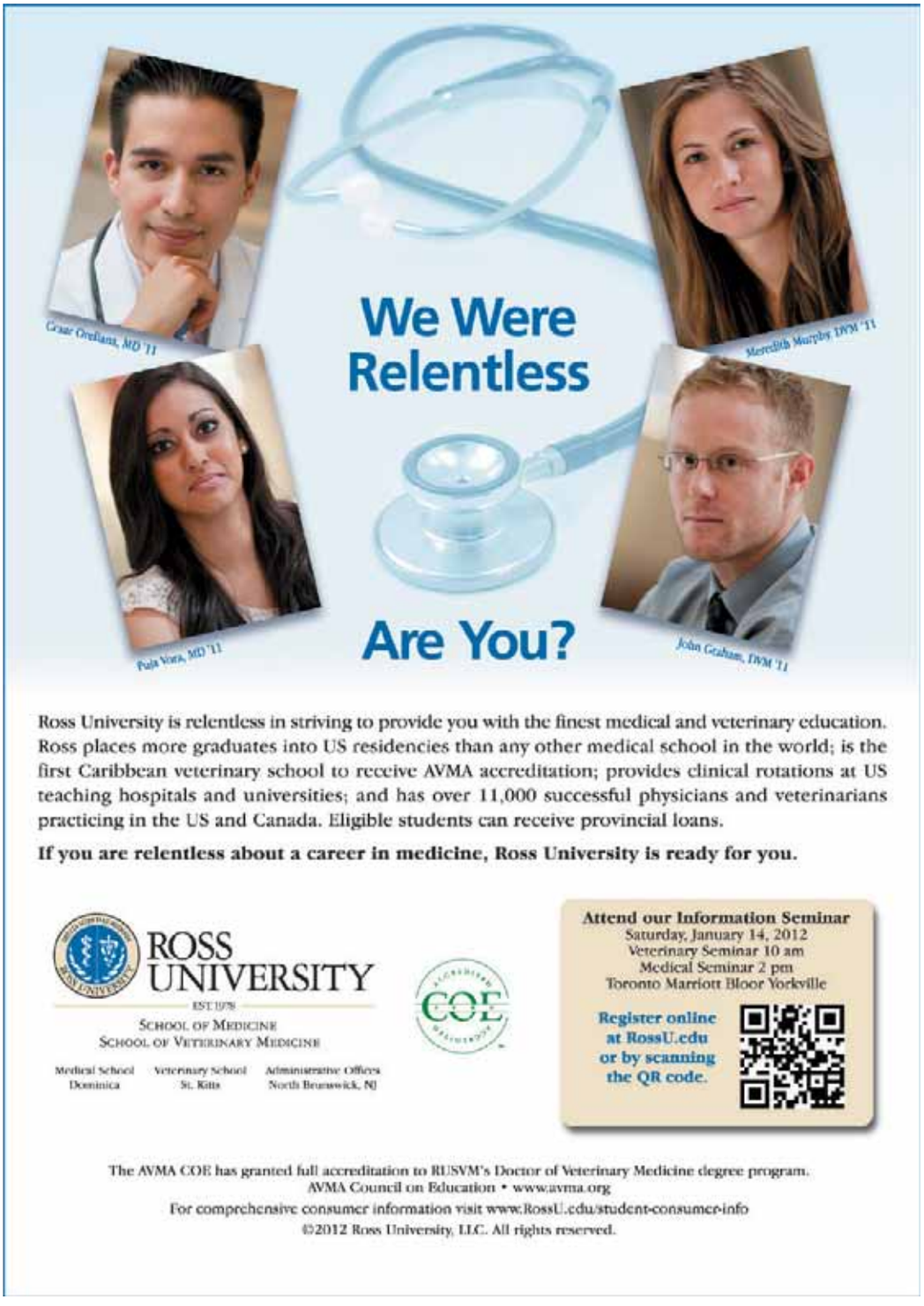
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Clouds in her copy

Music biographer Stephen Davis finds 'there is more room in a broken heart' with his book on Carly Simon

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When Stephen Davis gave Carly Simon a first look at his new book, More Room in a Broken Heart: The True Adventures of Carly Simon, he enclosed a note.

"I sent her the galleys, you know, the uncorrected proofs, and I said, 'Carly, if you like this book, I haven't done my job,'" Davis reveals.

The veteran music writer was right. "I've talked to members of her family and they say that she is upset with the book, and it's not a good idea to get Carly Simon upset at you," says Davis. "On the other hand, it would have been an even worse idea to write a boring book about Carly Simon."

More Room is a far from boring account of the life of the iconic singer and her five-decade career, which is rife with huge hurdles of neuroses, great leaps in songwriting, and it features bizarre cameos by the most important personalities of her time.

A sampling from her youth: Pete Seeger was her kindergarten music teacher; Jackie Robinson played second base in family softball games; George Gershwin came over to hear how Summertime would sound with her mom singing; MLK and Einstein visited for lunch. Later in the book, Marvin Gaye comes onto her, Jeremy Irons has a controversial cameo (see Irons in the fire, right, for more on that) and she gets Mick Jagger to sing on her biggest hit.

"It would have been an even worse idea to write a boring book about Carly Simon."
STEPHEN DAVIS

A 'did they?/didn't they?' theme recurs throughout the book.

She also enjoys romances with Cat Stevens, Kris Kristofferson, Warren Beatty, lots of drummers, and most notably, she endures a decade-long marriage to James Taylor that saw fire and rain.

"I think she feels that the book is too revealing," says Davis, who usually drops at least one big bombshell with every musical biography he writes, including previous subjects Led Zeppelin, Michael Jackson and Aerosmith. And Simon has been publicly making her displeasure with the book known through various outlets, but the way Davis sees it, if she's providing free advertising, nobody does it better.

"If she would just be quiet," he muses, "you know, you can't buy the publicity that she's giving this book."

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Singer Carly Simon is said to not be happy about a tell-all from music biographer Stephen Davis.

Irons in the fire

▶ In More Room, Davis discloses that in 1984, actor Jeremy Irons cheated on his wife with Carly Simon and got the singer pregnant. She underwent an abortion, which she said was 'still a terrible source of pain and guilt.' "No one ever put that together before because it was very quiet ... but she told me about that," says Davis.

'"And I asked her about that in July and I said, 'Look, I'm going to publish this.' We had been talking about Jeremy Irons and I said, 'What about him getting you pregnant?' There was this terrible silence. And then she goes, 'How did you know that?' And I said, 'Well, you told me five years ago when I was doing the Reflections liner notes.' She then said, 'Well, I won't deny it.'"

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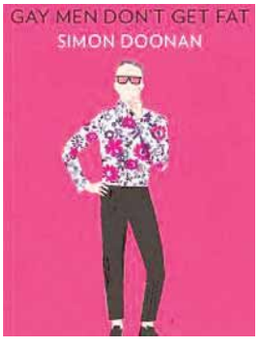
On living the fab life

Window dresser Simon Doonan on his new book



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▶ Simon Doonan laid down his glue gun last year when he stopped doing his famous window displays at Barneys.

Skinny French chicks and roly-poly straight men. Lesbian chic and the chaotic state of style. Nothing and nobody escapes the gaydar of the Simon Doonan in his new book, Gay Men Don't Get Fat. The diminutive Doonan was creative director at Barneys for 25 years. After a shake-up at the retailer, he's now creative ambassador-at-large.

You say the intended audience is straight women.

Do straight women need educating?
I want to liberate the women of the world and teach them to live with the stylish bravado of we gays — and wee gays like me. Being a woman has become so complicated and pressurized. I want to make it easier, or maybe just more creative. Fashion and style should be about personal expression.

Do you really fly coach?
I'm not part of the one per cent. I'm a hardworking gay who is proud to fly coach, but only on short flights. I also ride the subway, and not in a Marie Antoinette kind of way. It really is the easiest way to get around.

You used to do the windows at Barneys. Do you miss that?
I dressed windows for almost 40 years. When I finally put down the glue gun last year it was something of a relief. However, I would highly recommend a career in window display to any budding fashionista.

How would you define your approach to clothes and life?
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Halle off the market

Halle Berry and Olivier Martinez are reportedly engaged, according to Us Weekly.

Berry, who has been married twice before, "had given up on being married, but she trusts Olivier," a source says.

"He makes her feel safe. He's a keeper."

Martinez reportedly popped the question over the holidays with an emerald-and-diamond engagement ring. The pair met in 2010 as co-stars on the film Dark Tide and started dating soon after.

Berry was previously married to baseball player David Justice and singer Eric Benet, and she has a three-year-old daughter, Nahla, with ex-boyfriend Gabriel Aubry. METRO

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Is Khloe really a Kardashian?

Magazine report claims that Kardashian patriarch had doubts she was his daughter

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▶ Khloe Kardashian

THE WORD

DOROTHY ROBINSON
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When one gazes at the Kardashian sisters (as we often do, since they are more omnipresent than Starbucks), do you ever think, "Hmmmm ... Which of these things is not like the other?"

If you, too, think Khloe Kardashian doesn't resemble her famous sisters, you aren't the only one — Kris Jenner has had to squelch rumours of her paternity for years. But now Robert Kardashian's ex-wife and widow have come forward in a Star magazine exclusive in which they both claim that the late Kardashian expressed his doubts that he was indeed the father of Khloe.

"Khloe is not his kid — he told me that after we got married," Jan Ashley, 63, the woman who married Robert after Kris Jenner, revealed to Star.

"He just kind of looked at me and said (it) like it was a matter of fact. He said, 'Well, you know that Khloe's not really a Kardashian, don't you?' And I said … 'OK,' and that was it."

But that's not all. Ellen Kardashian, 63, who married Robert in 2003 just two months before his death, says she has her doubts as well.

"Khloe brought it up all the time," Ellen told Star.

"She looked nothing like the rest. She was tall, had a different shape, light hair, curly hair. Didn't look anything like the other three children."

Whatever you do, Khloe, never, ever take a DNA test. For now, you get the best of both worlds: A cut of the Kardashian empire without having to be biologically related to them.

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Wildlife-inspired prints have become a second skin to trend trackers who can't get enough of their zebra minis and leopard coats We've picked out our favourite ferocious accessories to complement the most somber of outfits

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Weather a dry spell

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Kit expert Charles Baker Strahan has the goods on ditching dry hair — all winter long.

By Chantel Simmons

Q: How do I hydrate my hair in the winter without weighing it down?

A: The first step to great elasticity and shine is hydration, and that starts right from the shampooing step. Look for shampoos and conditioners that contain both surfactants and polymers — when the water brings them together, they're twice as hydrating as used alone. These ingredients condition the hair before you even step out of the shower. When it comes to styling products, apply them when your hair is wet and squeeze the moisture through to evenly distribute the product. I like to mix Herbal Essences Tousle Me Softly Mousse and Long Term Relationship Leave-in Split End Protector. Together, they help you control your hair while styling, and cut down drying time.

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Beauty picks

Winter skin savers

If you haven't done so yet, now would be the time to ramp up your winter moisturizers.

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HANDS

Malin + Goetz Vitamin B5 Hand Treatment, $20, malinandgoetz.com

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Biotherm Baume Corps Oil Therapy, $38, biotherm.com

Clothing maker Liz Claiborne changing name to Fifth & Pacific after sale of brand

Becks' bodywear

David Beckham turns his hand to design with an underwear collection for H&M We check out Becks's needlework... among other things

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We've had Bend it like Beckham and now we can Wear it like Beckham — if you've got the body, of course. Clearly David has been taking tips from wife Victoria on the finer points of designing with his latest foray into the fashion world. His nine-piece underwear collection for H&M — due out on Feb. 2 — is the first time that the 36-year-old football star has put his name to a clothing line. Becks' says, "I hope H&M's male customers will be excited as I am." We're sure the ladies will be, David.

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Look ahead to salad days

While stews simmer on the stove, we anticipate the refreshing salads of spring Get yourself in the mood with Toasted Quinoa & Asparagus Salad

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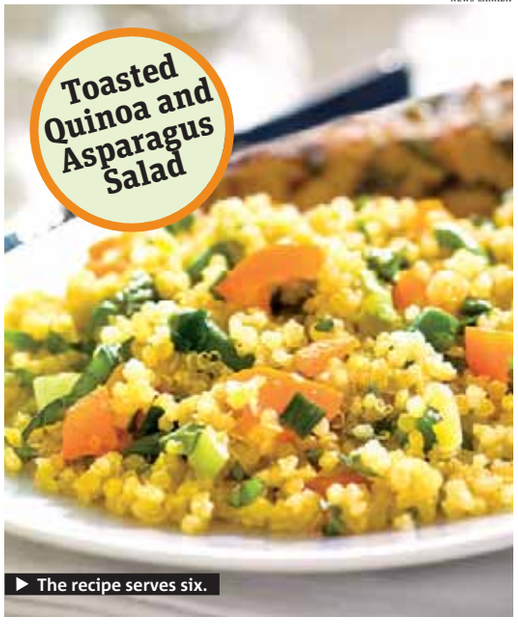

▶ The recipe serves six.

While often seen as a morning food, grapefruits are finding new life away from the breakfast table. With some creativity, this healthy fruit can add zest to lunches and dinners. Try adding sliced Florida grapefruit to a salad or stir-fry.

Another way to include fruit into your afternoon and evening recipes is to use Florida orange juice, which finds new life in tangy salad dressing or in marinades for chicken or fish. Florida orange juice can also be used in tandem with other nutrition-rich foods to create the ultimate healthy meal.

Quinoa, a gluten-free grain that is high in magnesium, is landing on healthiest food lists everywhere. This quinoa and asparagus salad can be topped with meat or additional veggies.

Toasted Quinoa and Asparagus Salad

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup (250 mL) quinoa, rinsed
- 2 cups (500 mL) Florida orange juice
- 1 cup (250 mL) chopped fresh asparagus
- 1 small orange bell pepper, chopped
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) fresh basil
- Salt and black pepper

Preparation:

1. In nonstick skillet heat oil over medium heat and cook onions and garlic 3 mins. or until softened and fragrant. Add quinoa and toast, stirring for 3 mins. or until fragrant and beginning to pop. Add orange juice and bring to boil. Cover and reduce heat to low; simmer 15 mins.
2. Stir in asparagus and pepper; cover and cook 10 mins or until liquid is absorbed. Remove from heat; let stand 5 mins. Using fork, fluff quinoa and place in large bowl. Let cool slightly and stir in basil. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

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Weekly Cookbook

Salad Days: Recipes for Delicious Organic Salads and Dressings for Every Season by Pam Powell offers 60 colour photos, quaint illustrations, a salad basics chapter, and a resource guide to complement a fantastic collection of salad and dressing recipes.

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In the neighbourhood

A great residential neighbourhood nestled by the Humber River and surrounded by parks and trails. There's convenient shopping and dining at the nearby Albion Centre shopping mall and the building is close to several schools.

Building amenities

There's a multi-purpose party room with kitchen facilities, the rooftop Club 9, fully-equipped fitness centre and swimming pool, landscaped outdoor rooftop terrace with barbecue lounge seating and indoor and outdoor kitchen areas.

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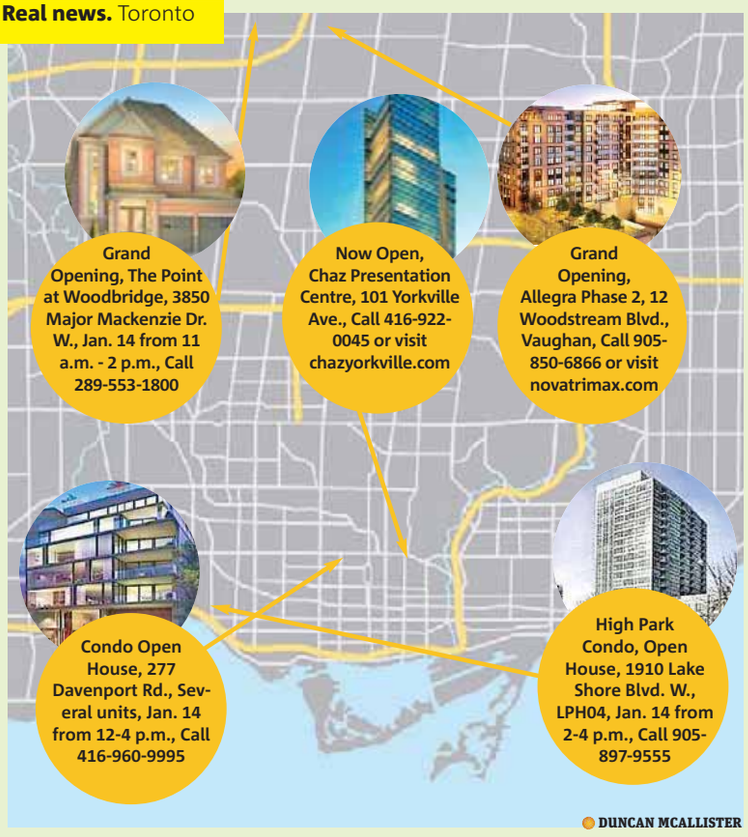
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Next month, a Canada-wide architectural competition called Migrating Landscapes will make its way to Toronto.

The competition and series of exhibitions all lead up to the world-renowned Venice Architecture Biennale (a.k.a. the Olympics of architecture) where a select group of young architects and designers from across the nation will form the official Team Canada entry.

Working with BILD member Cityzen Development Group, BILD has taken on the role of strategic partner because our industry believes that great communities are built on great design.

There is an art to city building and this exhibit speaks to the creative side of the business, where design and architecture capture the imagination and emotion of future residents.

So let me tell you what it's all about. The project was inspired by the three Winnipeg-based architects, who are also first-generation immigrants.

From their experiences, Johanna Hurme, who was born in Finland, Sasa Radulovic, born in the former Yugoslavia, and Jae-Sung Chon, born in South Korea, believe that settling into unfamiliar landscapes and architectural contexts modifies and transforms the meaning of house and home.

Here in Ontario, the competition challenges about 25 architects and designers, age 45 and under, to build models of original residential designs that reflect their diverse stories of migration and immigration. An exhibition of their work takes place Feb. 6-24 at Toronto's Brookfield Place. The best part is that you'll get the chance to walk through and experience the exhibit for free!

The Ontario region winners will be announced here in Toronto on Feb. 22 and the young architects and designers from across the nation will advance to a national competition where a select team will be chosen to represent Canada in Venice.

Get more information about the project and the exhibition at migratinglandscapes.ca. We want to see you there!

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Upcycling goes upscale

Leave your furnishing updates to the pros this year

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Most savvy home dwellers like to take on DIY projects. But spending an entire weekend working on a project that doesn't turn out can be frustrating — and a waste of time and money.

This year, invest in your furnishings by spending money on a professional to do the job right for you.

REUPHOLSTERING:
Got a classic-shaped upholstered piece that needs to take on a fresh look?

Trying to slipcover or reupholster it yourself is a daunting task — even for those who have sewing skills. So why not take it to an upholsterer?

Choose neutral-coloured linen or flannel fabrics to help give your furnishings a classic look and longevity.

If buying retro furnishings, do some research as to how the fabric (or leather) will wear. Go for lovely colours that are updated to today's neutrals.

Cost to have a chair reupholstered; $350-1000, depending on your fabric choice.

REFINISHING:
Changing the stain colour of wooden furniture can help update it and give it a new look.

Stain colours have a fashionable life (reddish mahogany was big in the '80s; yellow pine in the '70s).

Choose dark walnut stain colours to add sophistication to a golden oak or pecan-stained wood pieces.

Take it to a furniture refinisher (or look for budget options like refinishing schools) to get the look right.

Ask for a 'buffed wax' finish rather then the super-shiny shellac to make it look much classier.

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Re-framing

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Your new wood resolution

Wooden floors never go out of style, but they take a lot of abuse on a daily basis Give your floor a little TLC so it has a nice, glossy finish

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Unstained floors are so last year.

DIY IDEAS

With a new year beginning, you may be thinking about all of those home renovations on your "honey-do list" that you missed last year.

Kind of like that hardwood floor you've been meaning to stain. Why not add it to your New Year's resolutions?

In every episode of Sweat Equity, host Amy Matthews helps homeowners determine which home improvement projects will return the most bang for their buck.

Here, she explains how to stain a wood floor in five easy steps.

Step 1: Prepare the floor
Start by removing everything from the area to be stained.

Sweep the floor, then vacuum to ensure that you have removed all dust particles and debris.

Next you will want to mop the floor and wait for it to dry. Once dry, sand the floor completely.

You will want to run the vacuum over it once more, to ensure that all sawdust is removed.

Step 2: Test the stain
In an inconspicuous area, test the stain to ensure it is the colour you are looking for, before applying it to the entire floor.

It's usually best to do it in the furthest corner, away from most onlookers.

Step 3: Apply the stain
Apply the stain with a rag or an applicator made specifically for staining.

Stroke the stain in the direction of the wood grain, not in circular motions.

Work slowly to make sure that you cover every square inch and do not miss a spot.

Be sure to rub the stain in to the floor so that it soaks in, and then wipe away any excess on top.

Step 4: Apply a protective coating
Your stain is now looking beautiful!

To guarantee that it stays that way, apply a protective coating of polyurethane over the finished stain and allow it to dry.

Not only will this protect your newly stained floor, but it will give it a perfect glossy finish.

Make sure the floor is completely dry before returning any furniture or rugs back to the space.

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▶ Ed Davis struggles to control the ball as Kings forward Jason Thompson leans over him.

Kings' Evans wreaks havoc on Raptors

- Toronto finishes 1-2 in first back-to-back-to-back of condensed season
- Early-season standout Bargnani leaves with calf injury in third quarter

Tyreke Evans scored a season-high 29 points and had seven rebounds as the Sacramento Kings defeated the Toronto Raptors 98-91 on Wednesday night.

DeMarcus Cousins added 21 points on 9-for-11 shooting and grabbed 19 rebounds for the Kings, who snapped a seven-game losing streak.

Isaiah Thomas had 20 points with six assists and Jimmer Fredette chipped in with 10 points for Sacramento, which had not won in Toronto since Feb. 22, 2004.

It was the second loss in a row and fourth in five games for the Raptors who lost Andrea Bargnani to a strained left calf late in the third quarter.

Leandro Barbosa came off the bench to score a season-high 24 points for the Raptors while Jose Calderon had 13 points to go with 10 assists.

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DeMar DeRozan also scored 13 points on 5-for-9 shooting while Bargnani had 10 points as did Linas Kleiza. Amir Johnson had nine points and six rebounds before fouling out with 37.4 seconds to play.

Bargnani left the game with 3:13 to play in the third quarter because of the calf injury and did not return. He also had 10 rebounds in just over 28 minutes of playing time.

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Toronto was in foul trouble most of the night, with 28 personal fouls compared to Sacramento's 15.

The game was tied at 63 going into the fourth quarter but Sacramento pulled ahead with seven minutes to play when Thomas hit a three-pointer to give the Kings a 80-73 lead.

Cousins hit a pair of free throws with 1:28 to play and made a dunk 16 seconds later to put Sacramento ahead 86-77.

The lead reached 10 points but the Raptors came back and narrowed it to five on Barbosa's jumper with 24 seconds left.

Down 55-51 in the third, Johnson hit his third career three-pointer and came back with a bank shot to put Toronto into a one-point lead with 3:14 to play in the quarter.

The Raptors were playing their third game in as many nights while Sacramento was playing for the second consecutive night. Both teams lost on Tuesday, Toronto at Washington and Sacramento at Philadelphia.

"We've got to deal with it," Raptors head coach Dwane Casey said before the game. "We have to be mature about it, the schedule is what it is."

The Raptors scored the first eight points of the second quarter to take a 27-23 lead, but the Kings came back to take a 41-40 lead into half-time.

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Phaneuf overrated? Burke begs to differ

Dion Phaneuf apparently doesn't have the respect of the rest of the NHL.

Phaneuf, one of six players voted by fans to the NHL all-star game, was named the league's most overrated player by Sports Illustrated in a poll of 161 players. Phaneuf was named in 20 per cent of the ballots.

Capitals superstar Alex Ovechkin was named second most overrated player. Phaneuf's teammate Mike Komisarek was named the 10th most overrated player. Scott Gomez was third, Roberto Luongo fourth and Dany Heatley fifth.

"Yes, players dumb enough to participate in polls designed to crap on fellow NHLPA members are not very bright," said Leafs GM Brian Burke.

"They can all go defecate in their chapeaus. I am thrilled to have both players on my team."

Phaneuf has seven goals and 21 assists for 28 points this season for the Leafs, third on the team.

Phaneuf finished third in Calder voting for rookie of the year in 2006, an award won by Ovechkin (with Sidney Crosby finishing second).

Some have argued his play tailed off after that, and that he's been sailing on reputation.

But not in Toronto, where his name comes up in conversations about the Norris Trophy and his coach, Ron Wilson, has called him the best defenceman in the league. The Leafs are a different team, 67-51-16, with Phaneuf in lineup.

"A very simple answer for an anonymous poll," said Leafs assistant GM Dave Poulin, "is that people tend to vote for players they don't like to play against. Both individuals' play speaks for itself."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"Anyone who wants to tell Dion that in person should fly to Ottawa in about two weeks."

LEAFS GM BRIAN BURKE

Who's No. 1: Nail or Mikhail?

Top pick in this year's NHL draft will likely come down to choice between pair of Russian forwards

Forget Taylor or Tyler. How about Nail vs. Mikhail?

The NHL team that ends up picking first overall in June's draft appears as though it will have to select between a pair of Russian forwards — Nail Yakupov of the OHL's Sarnia Sting and Mikhail Grigorenko of the QMJHL's Quebec Remparts.

Let the debate begin. Yakupov was named the top North American-based skater in mid-season rankings released Wednesday by NHL central scouting, but has been receiving a strong challenge from his compatriot in the bid to be selected first in the 2012 draft.

"The potential is there that some teams would not have (Yakupov) No. 1," Dan Marr, the NHL's director of central scouting, said in an interview. "Grigorenko is making a strong case for himself as a first overall candidate. It's close.

"As we said in the meeting there, we're almost at the point where we sort of like to reference them as 1A and 1B."

If that continues, it could end up being a situation similar to the one that played out in 2010 when Taylor Hall and Tyler Seguin entered the draft in a virtual dead heat. The Edmonton Oilers ended up taking Hall at No. 1 while Seguin landed with the Boston Bruins.

Yakupov and Grigorenko were teammates on the Russian team that won silver at the recent world junior championship, where Yakupov suffered a right knee injury that will keep him on the sidelines until the end of the month.

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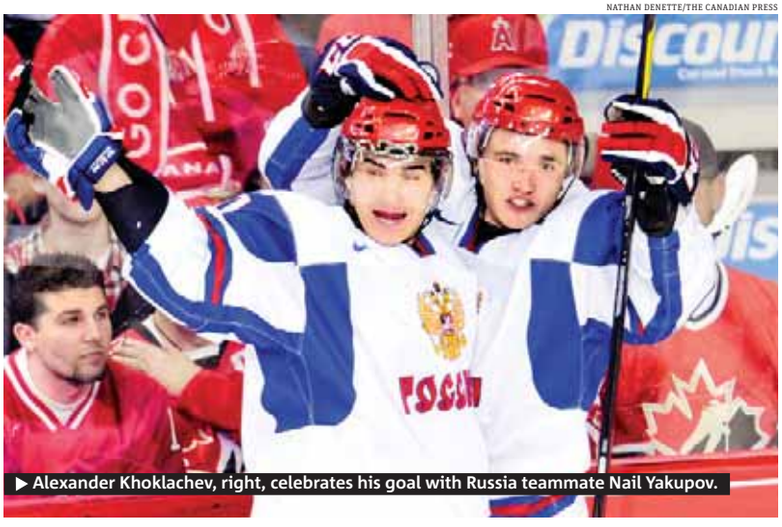

▶ Alexander Khoklachev, right, celebrates his goal with Russia teammate Nail Yakupov.

The 18-year-old winger has 21 goals and 53 points in 26 games for the Sting this season.

"There's very few times where you leave a rink and say 'there's some players worth the price of admission,'" said Marr. "He's got the ability there to just take over a game. He's got that high-energy, high-speed game and he's got a scoring touch.

"He's capable of being a difference-maker in a game."

Grigorenko is a centre who has compiled 25 goals and 58 points in 36 games for Quebec. Both he and Yakupov are vying to become the first Russian selected No. 1 since Alex Ovechkin in 2004.

Other contenders include Ryan Murray of the WHL's Everett Silvertrips, who at No. 3 is the highest-ranked Canadian player. He is one of seven defencemen ranked inside the top 10 in a draft class that appears to be deep on the blue-line.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	40	27	9	1	3	118	83	58	13-3-0-2	14-6-1-1	9-1-0-0	W5
d-Boston	39	27	11	0	1	146	76	55	15-7-0-1	12-4-0-0	8-2-0-0	W1
d-Florida	42	21	13	4	4	109	116	50	11-4-1-4	10-9-3-0	4-4-2-0	W1
Philadelphia	41	25	12	2	2	139	122	54	10-6-1-1	15-6-1-1	5-4-0-1	W1
Ottawa	44	23	15	4	2	140	144	52	14-8-0-1	9-7-4-1	7-2-1-0	W2
Toronto	42	22	15	3	2	135	131	49	12-5-2-2	10-10-1-0	6-2-2-0	W4
New Jersey	42	23	17	1	1	117	123	48	11-7-0-1	12-10-1-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Pittsburgh	41	21	16	2	2	124	111	46	11-8-2-0	10-8-0-2	4-6-0-0	L5
Winnipeg	42	20	17	3	2	112	124	45	14-6-0-1	6-11-3-1	5-4-0-1	L1
Washington	40	21	17	0	2	118	120	44	14-5-0-1	7-12-0-1	5-4-0-1	L2
Buffalo	42	18	19	3	2	107	123	41	10-9-3-2	8-10-0-0	2-6-1-1	L3
Montreal	42	16	19	2	5	109	117	39	7-8-2-4	9-11-0-1	3-7-0-0	L1
Tampa Bay	41	17	20	1	3	113	141	38	11-5-0-1	6-15-1-2	3-5-1-1	L4
NY Islanders	40	15	19	4	2	96	126	36	9-9-3-0	6-10-1-2	5-5-0-0	W1
Carolina	44	14	23	4	3	113	148	35	10-11-0-3	4-12-4-0	4-5-0-1	L2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	44	27	14	0	3	144	108	57	12-5-0-2	15-9-0-1	6-3-0-1	W1
d-St. Louis	42	25	12	0	5	110	89	55	17-3-0-2	8-9-0-3	6-3-0-1	W4
d-San Jose	39	23	11	3	2	116	94	51	14-7-2-0	9-4-1-2	7-1-1-1	L1
Chicago	43	25	13	2	3	139	125	55	15-5-1-3	10-8-1-0	4-5-1-0	W1
Detroit	42	26	15	1	0	135	99	53	15-2-1-0	11-13-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Nashville	42	23	15	3	1	115	115	50	12-7-2-1	11-8-1-0	6-4-0-0	W2
Minnesota	43	22	15	2	4	101	105	50	12-6-1-2	10-9-1-2	2-7-0-1	W1
Los Angeles	43	21	15	3	4	93	95	49	13-10-0-2	8-5-3-2	6-1-1-2	W1
Dallas	41	23	17	0	1	114	119	47	13-7-0-1	10-10-0-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Colorado	44	23	20	1	0	115	124	47	13-11-0-0	10-9-1-0	7-3-0-0	L2
Phoenix	43	20	17	3	3	109	111	46	8-8-2-1	12-9-1-2	3-4-2-1	L1
Calgary	44	20	19	3	2	109	127	45	12-5-1-1	8-14-2-1	5-4-1-0	W2
Edmonton	41	16	22	0	3	111	119	35	10-6-0-2	6-16-0-1	2-8-0-0	L3
Anaheim	41	13	22	2	4	104	135	32	10-12-1-0	3-10-1-4	4-5-0-1	W3
Columbus	42	11	26	1	4	101	142	27	6-11-1-2	5-15-0-2	2-7-0-1	L2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Washington 1 Pittsburgh 0
New Jersey at Edmonton
Tuesday's results
Calgary 6 New Jersey 3
Ottawa 5 Pittsburgh 1
Toronto 2 Buffalo 0
Vancouver 5 Tampa Bay 4 (SO)
Boston 5 Winnipeg 3
St. Louis 3 Montreal 0
Anaheim 5 Dallas 2
Chicago 5 Columbus 2
Minnesota 5 San Jose 4 (SO)
Nashville 4 Colorado 1
N.Y. Rangers 2 Phoenix 1 (SO)
N.Y. Islanders 5 Detroit 1
Philadelphia 2 Carolina 1
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9:30 p.m. (changed from 9 p.m.)
Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

LATE TUESDAY

MAPLE LEAFS 2, SABRES 0

First Period
1. Toronto, Kulemin 5 (Franson, Gunnarsson) 8:22 (pp)
2. Toronto, Grabovski 13 (Kulemin, Crabb) 17:55
Penalty — Stafford Buf (delay of game) 6:40.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalty — Stafford Buf (interference) 5:23.
Third Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Kaleta Buf (charging) 2:48, Weber Buf (delay of game) 4:50, Gerbe Buf, Lupul Tor (unsportsmanlike conduct, roughing) 18:07.
Shots

Buffalo	10	8	14	32
Toronto	12	8	8	28

Goal — Buffalo: Miller (L,10-12-2); Toronto: Gustavsson (W,13-7-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Buffalo: 0-0; Toronto: 1-4.
Referees — Wes McCauley, Dave Jackson. **Linesmen** — Scott Cherrey, David Brisebois.
Attendance — 19,439 (18,819) at Toronto.

BLUES 3, CANADIENS 0

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Eller Mtl (tripping) 2:50, Perron StL (roughing), Cammalleri Mtl (slashing) 6:48.
Second Period
1. St. Louis, Arnott 10 (Reaves, Sobotka) 9:51
2. St. Louis, Backes 14 (Stewart, Pietrangelo) 14:58
Penalties — Darche Mtl (high-sticking) 5:12, Oshie StL (interference) 6:01, Reaves StL (charging) 10:32, Cole StL (hooking) 16:25.
Third Period
3. St. Louis, Stewart 10 (Backes) 12:56
Penalties — Pacioretty Mtl (triping) 3:11, Kostitsyn Mtl (hooking) 17:31.
Shots

St. Louis	9	5	11	25
Montreal	4	8	7	19

Goal — St. Louis: Halak (W,10-7-5); Montreal: Price (L,15-15-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — St. Louis: 0-4; Montreal: 0-3.
Referees — Eric Furlatt, Brad Watson. **Linesmen** — Michel Cormier,Pierre Champoux.
Attendance — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

BRUINS 5, JETS 3

First Period
1. Winnipeg, Ladd 14 (Bogosian, Enstrom) 16:53
2. Boston, Horton 13 (Lucic, Krejci) 19:20
Missed penalty shot — Thorburn Wpg, 5:57.
Penalty — Ladd Wpg (holding) 1:42.
Second Period
3. Winnipeg, Wheeler 9 (Enstrom, Bogosian) 0:31
4. Boston, Thornton 4, 5:16 (penalty shot, sh)
5. Winnipeg, Fehr 1 (Stapleton) 11:11
Penalties — Thornton Bos (illegal check to head minor) 3:05, Ference Bos (hooking) 4:38, Stuart Wpg, Thornton Bos (fighting) 10:17, Ference Bos (goaltender interference) 16:30.
Third Period
6. Boston, Horton 14 (Krejci, Lucic) 0:08
7. Boston, Seguin 17 (Bergeron) 3:06
8. Boston, Pouliot 8 (Bergeron, Peverley) 6:41 (pp)
Penalties — Ladd Wpg (interference) 5:25, McQuaid Bos (interference) 10:31, Jones Wpg (tripping) 13:05.
Shots

Winnipeg	14	10	8	32
Boston	13	7	22	42

Goal — Winnipeg: Pavelec (L,15-14-5); Boston: Rask (W,10-4-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Winnipeg: 0-4; Boston: 1-3.
Referees — Greg Kimmerly, Stephen Walkom. **Linesmen** — Steve Barton, Brian Murphy.
Attendance — 17,565 (17,565) at Boston.

CANUCKS 5, LIGHTNING 4 (SO)

First Period
1. Vancouver, Edler 7 (Sulzer, H.Sedin) 2:36
2. Vancouver, Hansen 13 (Hamhuis) 8:16 (sh)
Penalties — St. Louis TB (goaltender interference) 3:11, Alberts Vcr (hooking) 7:38, Ballard Vcr (tripping) 15:50, Moore TB (roughing) 18:26.
Second Period
3. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 29 (Malone, Bergeron) 10:12
4. Vancouver, Malhotra 4 (Duco, Ballard) 12:27
5. Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 16 (Stamkos, Gilroy) 19:28
6. Vancouver, Kesler 12 (Raymond, Hodgson) 19:58
Penalty — Downie TB (roughing) 10:12.
Third Period
7. Tampa Bay, Downie 7 (Kubina, St. Louis) 6:14
8. Tampa Bay, Malone 8 (St. Louis, Lecavalier) 18:59
Penalty — Burrows Vcr (goaltender interference) 14:02.
Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalty — Brewer TB (holding) 4:20.
Shootout
Vancouver wins 1-0
Vancouver (1) — Bieksa, miss; Raymond, goal.
Tampa Bay (0) — Malone, miss; Moore, miss; Stamkos, miss.
Shots

Vancouver	9	14	4	1—28
Tampa Bay	7	14	9	1—31

Goal — Vancouver: C.Schneider (W,10-5-0); Tampa Bay: Roloson (L,6-9-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Vancouver: 0-4; Tampa Bay: 0-3.
Referees — Paul Devorski, Ghislain Hebert. **Linesmen** — Don Henderson, Jonny Murray.
Attendance — 17,630 (19,204) at Tampa, Fla.

FLAMES 6, DEVILS 3

First Period
1. Calgary, Bouwmeester 2 (Iginla, Butler) 5:54
2. Calgary, Sarich 1 (Backlund, Bouma) 7:32
3. Calgary, Glencross 19 (Jokinen, Iginla) 13:12
4. Calgary, Brodie 2 (Bouwmeester, Glencross) 16:38 (pp)
Penalties — Salvador NJ (interference) 3:37, Henrique NJ, Iginla Cal (fighting), Glencross Cal (unsportsmanlike conduct) 13:53, New Jersey bench (too many men; served by Boulton) 16:32, Wilson Cal (boarding) 18:47.
Second Period
5. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 16 (Henrique, Paris e) 14:48
6. Calgary, Stempniak 9 (Backlund, Glencross) 16:38
7. New Jersey, Henrique 13 (Parise, Larsson) 17:24 (sh)
Penalties — Boulton NJ, Jackman Cal (fighting) 1:39, Fayne NJ (delay of game) 17:14.
Third Period
8. New Jersey, Elias 15 (Kovalchuk, Foster) 6:04 (pp)
9. Calgary, Iginla 17 (Jokinen, Glencross) 8:49
Penalties — Iginla Cal (hooking) 5:52, Sarich Cal (hooking) 13:27, Zubrus NJ (hooking) 15:26, Zubrus NJ (interference) 17:39.
Shots

New Jersey	6	11	21	38
Calgary	8	3	3	14

Goal (shots-saves) — New Jersey: Brodeur (5-3), Hedberg (L,11-7-1) (7:32 first; 9-5); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,19-14-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 1-4; Calgary: 1-5.
Referees — Brad Meier, Dean Morton. **Linesmen** Scott Driscoll, Brian Mach.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

NFL

PLAYOFFS

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
All Times Eastern
Saturday's games
NFC
New Orleans (14-3) at San Francisco (13-3), 4:30 p.m.
AFC
Denver (9-8) at New England (13-3), 8 p.m.
Sunday's games
AFC
Houston (11-6) at Baltimore (12-4), 1 p.m.
NFC
N.Y. Giants (10-7) at Green Bay (15-1), 4:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBL

Tuesday's result
Halifax 101 Moncton 91
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Oshawa at Summerside, 6 p.m.
Moncton at London, 7 p.m.
Saturday's games
Saint John at Halifax, 6 p.m.
London at Quebec, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Summerside at Quebec, 1:05 p.m.
London at Saint John, 4 p.m.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

CARLING CUP
First Leg
Yesterday's result
Manchester City 0 Liverpool 1

PREMIER LEAGUE
Tottenham 2 Everton 0

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
Birmingham 2 Ipswich 1

FRANCE

LEAGUE CUP
QUARTER-FINALS
Yesterday's results
Le Mans 0 Lorient 1
Lyon 2 Lille 1
Nice 3 Dijon 3
(Nice wins 5-3 on penalties)

ITALY

ITALIAN CUP
FIFTH ROUND
Yesterday's result
Roma 3 Fiorentina 0
Udinese 1 Chievo Verona 2

SPAIN

COPA DEL REY
ROUND OF 16 — SECOND LEG
Yesterday's results
Espanyol 4 Cordoba 2
(Espanyol advances on 5-4 aggregate)
Levante 4 Alcorcon 0
(Levante advances 5-2)
Sevilla 2 Valencia 1
(aggregate tied 2-2; Valencia advances on 1-0 away goals)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	9	2	.818	—
d-Miami	8	2	.800	½
d-Philadelphia	7	3	.700	1½
Indiana	7	3	.700	1½
Orlando	6	3	.667	2
Atlanta	7	4	.636	2
New York	6	4	.600	2½
Boston	4	4	.500	3½
Cleveland	4	5	.444	4
Toronto	4	7	.364	5
Milwaukee	3	6	.333	5
Charlotte	2	8	.200	6½
Detroit	2	8	.200	6½
New Jersey	2	8	.200	6½
Washington	1	8	.111	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	9	2	.818	—
Portland	7	2	.778	1
Utah	6	3	.667	2
d-L.A. Lakers	7	4	.636	2
d-San Antonio	6	4	.600	2½
Denver	6	4	.600	2½
L.A. Clippers	4	3	.571	3
Dallas	5	5	.500	3½
Phoenix	4	5	.444	4
Sacramento	4	7	.364	5
Memphis	3	6	.333	5
Houston	3	6	.333	5
New Orleans	3	6	.333	5
Golden State	3	6	.333	5
Minnesota	3	7	.300	5½

d-division leaders ranked in top four positions

Last night's results
Sacramento 98 Toronto 91
Indiana 96 Atlanta 84
New York 85 Philadelphia 79
Washington at Chicago
Oklahoma City at New Orleans
Dallas at Boston
Houston at San Antonio
New Jersey at Denver
L.A. Lakers at Utah
Orlando at Portland
Miami at L.A. Clippers
Tuesday's results
Washington 93 Toronto 78
Houston 82 Charlotte 70
Philadelphia 112 Sacramento 85
Dallas 100 Detroit 86
Chicago 111 Minnesota 100
Oklahoma City 100 Memphis 95
Milwaukee 106 San Antonio 103
Utah 113 Cleveland 105
Portland 105 L.A. Clippers 97
Golden State 111 Miami 106 (OT)
L.A. Lakers 99 Phoenix 83
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Detroit at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

KINGS 98, RAPTORS 91

SACRAMENTO (98)
Salmons 3-7 0-0 6, Hickson 3-10 0-0 6, Cousins 6-11 9-11 21, Fredette 3-10 2-2 10, Evans 7-22 14-14 29, Thompson 0-1 0-0 0, Greene 2-6 1-2 6, Garcia 0-2 0-0 0, Thomas 6-12 5-5 20. Totals 30-81 31-34 98.
TORONTO (91)
Butler 1-5 0-0 3, Bargnani 2-13 6-6 10, A.Johnson 4-7 0-0 9, Calderon 5-12 1-1 13, DeRozan 5-9 3-3 13, Magloire 0-0 0-2 0, J.Johnson 0-4 0-0 0, Carter 0-2 3-4 3, Barbosa 11-18 0-0 24, Davis 3-4 0-0 6, Kleiza 3-6 4-5 10. Totals 34-80 17-21 91.

Sacramento	23	18	22	35	— 98
Toronto	19	21	23	28	— 91

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 7-24 (Thomas 3-6, Fredette 2-6, Evans 1-4, Greene 1-5, Salmons 0-1, Garcia 0-2), Toronto 6-20 (Calderon 2-4, Barbosa 2-5, A.Johnson 1-1, Butler 1-3, DeRozan 0-1, J.Johnson 0-1, Kleiza 0-2, Bargnani 0-3). Fouled Out—A.Johnson. Rebounds—Sacramento 53 (Cousins 19), Toronto 51 (Bargnani 10). Assists—Sacramento 13 (Thomas 6), Toronto 20 (Calderon 10). Total Fouls—Sacramento 15, Toronto 28. Technicals—Cousins. Flagrant Fouls—Magloire. A—14,323 (19,800) at Toronto.

TENNIS

AAMI CLASSIC
At Melbourne, Australia
Yesterday's results
First Round
Mardy Fish, U.S., def. **Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont.**, 6-1, 6-2.
Jurgen Melzer, Austria, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, 6-4, 6-3.
Bernard Tomic, Australia, def. Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Gael Monfils, France, def. Andy Roddick, U.S., 7-6 (2), 7-6 (3).

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At Melbourne, Australia
Yesterday's results
Men's Singles — First Round
Amer Delic, Bosnia-Herzegovina, def. Marsel Ilhan (4), Turkey, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Vasek Pospisil (9), Vernon, B.C., def. John Millman, Australia, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Andrey Golubev (20), Kazakhstan, leads **Erik Chvojka, Kirkland, Que.**, 3-6, 6-3, 5-1 (0-15) (susp., rain).
Pierre-Ludovic Duclos, Ste-Foy, Que., def. Facundo Bagnis (28), Argentina, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.
Peter Polansky, Thornhill, Ont., def. Simone Vagnozzi, Italy, 6-3, 6-2.

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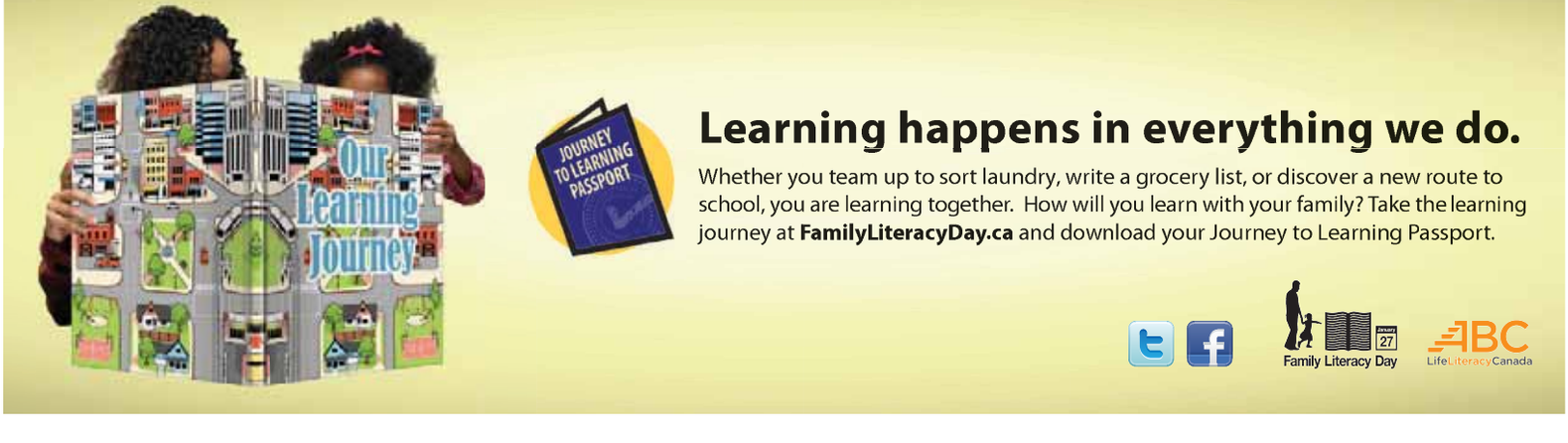
Men's Singles — Second Round
Juan Martin del Potro (1), Argentina, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, 6-4, 6-2.
Bobby Reynolds, U.S., def. John Isner (2), U.S., 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Richard Gasquet (3), France, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-2, 6-1.
Julien Benneteau, France, def. Feliciano Lopez (4), Spain, 6-3, 6-4.
Doubles — Quarter-finals
Matthew Ebden, Australia, and Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto**, 0-6, 6-4, 10-4 (tiebreak).
Women's Singles — Quarter-finals
Agnieszka Radwanska (7), Poland, def. Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2.
Petra Kvitova (2), Czech Republic, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 6-0, 6-4.
Victoria Azarenka (3), Belarus, def. Marion Bartoli (8), France, 7-5, 6-4.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Grabovski setting tone for Leafs

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As the Maple Leafs prove they're going to be in the thick of the playoff race all season long, beating teams they should (as they did when rolling over the slumping Sabres Tuesday night) as well as teams they probably shouldn't (as they did when they beat the more accomplished Red Wings last Saturday), Toronto fans finally get to assign credit for the turnaround, rather than the usual exercises in blame to which they've grown accustomed.

And although people have rightfully pointed out the crucial contributions made by Phil Kessel, Joffrey Lupul and Dion Phaneuf, as far as I'm concerned, the heartbeat of the Leafs comes in the person of Mikhail Grabovski. I wrote a few months ago about my admiration for the Belarusian centre — and after a slow-ish start to the season, he's done enough to warrant more mention.

"It's more than offensive skill that makes Grabovski the heart and soul of the Leafs. It's his willingness to play physical in spite of his 5-11, 183-pound frame."

Grabovski scored just five goals and 10 points in his first 18 games, then was knocked out of the lineup for five games with a lower body injury. All the while, Tim Connolly was eating away at his offensive opportunities (Grabovski's currently averaging 17:01 of ice time, down from his average of 19:21 last season).

Yet since his return, Grabovski has eight goals and 14 points in 18 games — including five goals and nine points in his past nine — and is compensating for the offensive struggles of his linemate Nikolai Kulemin.

The streak puts Grabovski on pace for a 27-goal, 50-point, 75 game season. His pace may be down marginally from the 29 goals and 58 points of last year, but he also played 81 games in 2010-11. Considering the reduction in ice time, his current totals are in many ways more impressive.

But it's more than offensive skill that makes Grabovski the heart and soul of the Leafs. It's his willingness to play physical in spite of his 5-11, 183-pound frame. It's his speed and creativity that allows him to be effective not just on offence, but defence too.

It's about his attitude — no fuss, no muss, no Ilya Bryzgalov-like ruminations on the inherent mysteries of the universe. The 27-year-old lives to be on the ice and plays with an urgency that strongly suggests he doesn't want to sit on the bench. Ever.

Grabovksi will be an unrestricted free agent this summer, but don't expect the Leafs to allow him to move on. He's become too important for that.

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Indiana native takes over at time when team faces some big questions

Ryan Grigson landed his dream job Wednesday.

After spending more than a decade on the road, scouting for St. Louis and Philadelphia, the 39-year-old Indiana native is coming home to rebuild the Colts possibly with a new coach, a new quarterback and an entirely different philosophy. For the first time, Grigson will be making all those tough decisions.

"I've been on teams whose guys were run off for the sake of running guys off," Grigson said after agreeing to a four-year deal that includes a team option for a fifth year. "That makes no sense to me. I like to salvage things if the ability is there."

There's no time for on-the-job training, either, with the Colts coming off their worst record (2-14) in two decades and fans expecting an immediate turnaround.

Team owner Jim Irsay wants Grigson to make a decision on coach Jim Caldwell, a coach Grigson never even met until Wednesday, by the middle of next week.

Then the new GM must sort out Indy's complicated salary cap problem, a major concern for an aging team bereft of young talent and a young GM with little experience with the cap.

The Colts must also decide whether to pay a $28 million bonus to four-time league MVP Peyton Manning by March 8, renegotiate the contract or let the face of the franchise walk away as a free agent now that it looks as if the Colts will take Andrew Luck with the No. 1 overall pick in April. Grigson said he hasn't spoken with Manning, who missed the entire 2011 season after having his third neck surgery in 19 months.

Irsay said only that Manning continues to rehabilitate the neck.

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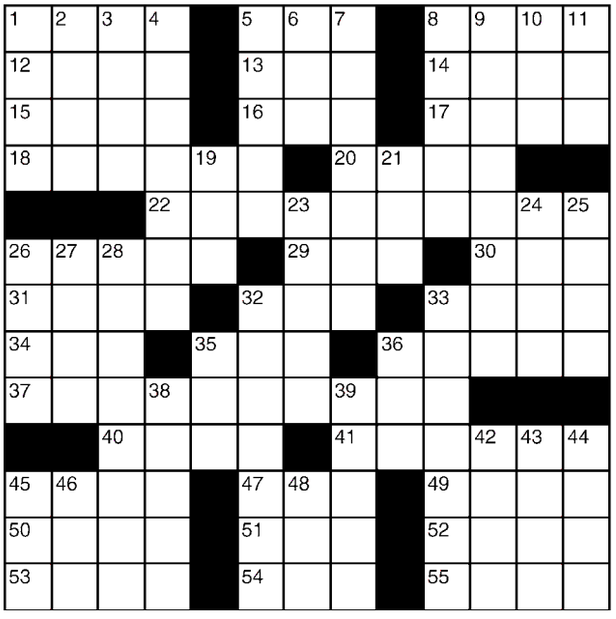

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5 Solo of "Star Wars"
8 Bang the door loudly
12 Troop group
13 Inseparable
14 Caffeine-rich nut
15 Swag
16 Twitch
17 Terrible guy?
18 Loosen a sneaker
20 Dandling locale
22 One way to quit
26 Ungainly
29 Cage piece
30 Born
31 Raw minerals
32 "See ya"
33 TV chef Cat
34 Have a bug
35 "Ulalume" writer
36 Croc's cousin
37 Speak frankly
40 Transaction
41 Nerve tissue cell
45 Pic you can click
47 Conk out
49 Unaccompanied
50 Beach matter
51 Geological period
52 Right angles
53 Sandwich cookie
54 Roulette bet
55 Do in

Down

1 Humdinger
2 Any time now
3 String instrument
4 Assaults
5 "Monopoly" building
6 Singer DiFranco
7 Cravat
8 Lindsey Vonn, for one
9 Entwined symbol of affection
10 — carte
11 Fellow
19 Demure
21 Gist
23 Laundromat machine
24 Architect Saarinen
25 Calendar quota
26 Capricorn
27 Met melody
28 "Bravo!"
32 Colorado city
33 Range horses
35 Sch. org.
36 "Gosh!"
38 Japanese fencing
39 Work dough
42 Roster
43 — podrida
44 Inquisi-tive
45 Equal (Pref.)
46 Automobile
48 Rage

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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People come to you with their problems all the time. But at some stage today, you'll have to make it clear that enough is enough.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
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♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
The Sun in Capricorn at this time of year tends to make life look gray. You have plenty to look forward to.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Go out and enjoy yourself today but watch how much you spend and who you spend it on.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
You may be spontaneous by nature but time spent planning today will not be time wasted.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Look for compromise solutions today. That might not be easy when everyone else seems to be looking for reasons to argue.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
No matter how secure you may feel in your current situation, you can sense that changes are coming.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Don't let anyone get away with saying things about you that are not true today. Stand up for yourself.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Make a point of telling a friend how much he or she means to you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Anyone who thinks you'll give up easily will learn the hard way today that Capricorns aren't quitters.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Just over a week from now, the Sun will move into your birth sign and a new solar year will begin. Conserve your energy, you'll need it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Someone you meet may be fun to be with but don't be foolish and trust him or her with personal information. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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